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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

Office Action Summary	Application No.	Applicant(s)
	10/038,114	WAGLE ET AL.
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	Cybille Delacroix	1614

-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

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Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 23 December 2003.
- 2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1-18 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 15-18 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) 1-14 is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) All
 - b) Some *
 - c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____. |
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Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____. | 5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
| | 6) <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____. |

Detailed Action

The following is responsive to Applicant's election received Dec. 23, 2003.

Applicant's election of 3-carbamoyl-1-(4-methoxy-benzyl)pyridinium chloride, with traverse is acknowledged. Since, however, Applicant has not specifically argued the alleged errors in the requirement, it is being maintained for reasons already of record.

No prior art was found for the elected species. Therefore, the Examiner has expanded the search to the non-elected species.

Claims 15-18 are withdrawn from consideration.

Priority

Since it appears that the species searched by the Examiner does not have support in the provisional application 60/259,429 filed Dec. 29, 2000, the effective filing date of the claims will be June 6, 2001.

Claim Objection(s)

Claims 1 and 9 are objected to because of the following informalities: in claims 1 and 9, there appear “(...)" and “{...}" throughout the claims. Applicant is respectfully requested to delete these and replace them with appropriate punctuation. Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Rejection(s)—35 USC 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negatived by the manner in which the invention was made.

The factual inquiries set forth in *Graham v. John Deere Co.*, 383 U.S. 1, 148 USPQ 459 (1966), that are applied for establishing a background for determining obviousness under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) are summarized as follows:

1. Determining the scope and contents of the prior art.
2. Ascertaining the differences between the prior art and the claims at issue.
3. Resolving the level of ordinary skill in the pertinent art.
4. Considering objective evidence present in the application indicating obviousness or nonobviousness.

This application currently names joint inventors. In considering patentability of the claims under 35 U.S.C. 103(a), the examiner presumes that the subject matter of the various claims was commonly owned at the time any inventions covered therein were made absent any evidence to the contrary. Applicant is advised of the obligation under 37 CFR 1.56 to point out the inventor and invention dates of each claim that was not commonly owned at the time a later invention was made in order for the examiner to consider the applicability of 35 U.S.C. 103(c) and potential 35 U.S.C. 102(e), (f) or (g) prior art under 35 U.S.C. 103(a).

Claims 1-14 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Gall 6,596,745 (102(e)=May 30, 2001).

Gall discloses methods for treating various disorders such as disorders of the eye. Specifically, Gall teaches a method for treating diabetic retinopathy or cataracts or damage to the lens proteins by administering to a patient, i.e. animal, human, in need thereof an effective amount (0.1 or 0.5 to 4 mg/kg body weight daily) of a compound represented by formula I or salts thereof. For ocular disorders, the compounds may be formulated into pharmaceutical compositions such as eye drops, gels and creams.

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Please see col. 1-2; col. 9, lines 33-58; col. 13, line 61 to col. 14, line 2; col. 20, lines 8-10; col. 21, lines 12-36.

Gall does not specifically disclose that, when used to treat the disclosed eye disorders, the compounds decrease intraocular pressure or improve ocular accommodation; however, it would have been obvious from the disclosed method. In other words, since Gall discloses administration of identical compounds in identical effective amounts to a person suffering from various eye disorders, one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made would reasonably expect the compounds of formula I to improve ocular accommodation or decrease intraocular pressure in the patients suffering from these eye disorders.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication should be directed to Cybille Delacroix-Muirheid at telephone number (571)-272-0572.

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